



RECEIVED  
JUN 13 2003  
TC 1700

26/E  
AES  
Q73

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Woods et al.  
Title: Process for Hydroxyalkylating Carboxylic Acid-Functionalized Materials  
Serial No: 09/341,287  
Filed: August 19, 1999  
Atty. Docket No.: 1221.002USU/LC-302/PCT/US  
Examiner: D. R. Wilson  
Art Unit: 1713

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim ~~44~~ without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

---

23. (Twice Amended) A process for preparing a dihydroxyl-functionalized material by hydroxyalkylating a dicarboxylic acid-functionalized material, said

E1